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REMARKS

The following is intended as a full and complete response to the Advisory Action mailed on October 22, 2004. Claims 26-28, 31-33 and 36-39 were examined in the Final Office Action mailed on May 20, 2004. The Examiner rejected claims 26-28 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in view of Lalvani in combination with Stam. On November 9, 2004, the Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed by phone ways to place the pending claims in condition for allowance.

In response to the Final Office Action and the discussion held with the Examiner, Applicant is amending independent claims 26 and 31 to more distinctly claim the invention. In particular, the amendments to these claims clarify the meanings of "target area" and "textured image area," as requested by the Examiner. Further, the amendments make clear that the present invention pertains to the field of graphics, as suggested by the Examiner.

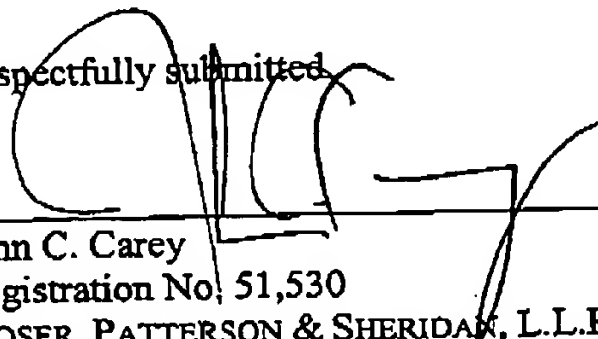
In sum, Applicant believes that amended claims 26 and 31 recite limitations that are not taught or suggested in the prior art cited to date by the Examiner, including Lalvani and Stam. For this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 26 and 31 are in condition for allowance. In addition, since claims 27-28, 32-33 and 36-39 depend from allowable amended claims 26 and 31, these claims also are in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

Based on the above remarks, Applicant believes that he has overcome all of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action mailed May 20, 2004 and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted



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